THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

Writ Petition No.17103 of 2005

10-08-2005

Between:

P.Bal Reddy S/o Rayapu Reddy, Driver (E-252279), APSRTC, Kalwakurthy Depot, Mahabubnagar District.

... PETITONER

AND

1.The Regional Manager, APSRTC, Mahabubnagar Region at Mahabubnagar and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed aggrieved by the inaction of the respondents in granting the Special Grade Increment to the petitioner on completion of 12 years of service in the respondent-Corporation.

According to the petitioner, he was appointed as a Driver in the respondent-Corporation in Nalgonda Region on 01.08.1988. Later, on his request, he was transferred to Mahabubnagar Region as per proceedings dated 20.10.1998. It is stated that as on date, the petitioner is continuing as a Driver and completed 12 years of service. Therefore, he is entitled to the Special Grade Increment. However, the respondent-Corporation has not granted the same on the ground that the petitioner did not complete 12 years of service in the same Region. Therefore, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.

At the time of hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner represented that the issue is covered by a decision of a Division Bench of this Court in **Regional Manager, APSRTC, Hyderabad and others v N.B.Venkaiah and others**.

Heard both sides and considered the material on record.

Admittedly, the petitioner is claiming that he was appointed as a Driver on 01.08.1988 and since then he has been working in the respondent-Corporation as a Driver only. As the petitioner had completed 12 years of service from the date of his regular appointment, he is entitled to the Special Grade Increment.

Accordingly, the respondent-Corporation is directed to grant the benefit of Special Grade Increment to the petitioner on completion of 12 years service from the date of his appointment without reference to the change of Region. It is made clear that the petitioner is also entitled for all the consequential benefits including arrears, if any, as a result of granting the Special Grade Increment. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

10.08.2005

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